

CENTRAL VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CLUSTER



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EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every First Friday immediately following 9 am Mass at St. Theresa, Farmville, every Tuesday after 5:30pm Mass .

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 4:00 pm until 4:45pm and Tuesday after 5:00pm Mass at St. Theresa, Farmville and before the weekend masses at the cluster parishes. Also by appt.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents are required to attend a Baptism class prior to scheduling to have your child Baptized. Contact the office to make arrangements to attend the class and to schedule Baptism.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Contact the office and make an appointment with a priest at least six months before the wedding date.

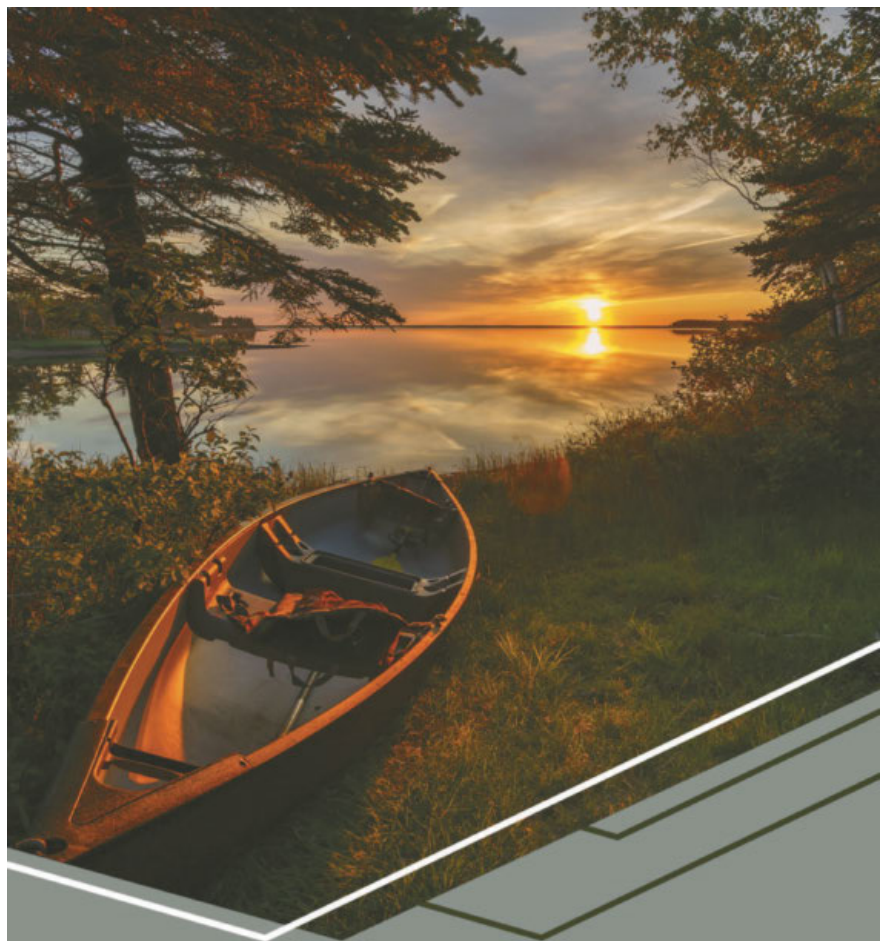
MINISTRY TO THE SICK

In case of illness or hospitalization please contact the office so arrangements can be made to receive the Holy Eucharist, and Anointing of the Sick if necessary.

CATHOLIC INQUIRY

Welcome to all new parishioners, please register in the church office.

If you know of anyone interested in becoming a Catholic contact the office to talk to Father and learn about the RCIA classes.



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

The Cluster office is located at St. Theresa Parish Center

700 Buffalo Street, Farmville, VA.

Office Hours

Tuesday—Thursday

9:00a.m.—3:00p.m.

Friday Closed

Nativity Catholic Cemetery
15896 James Anderson Hwy W
Buckingham, VA 23921

Immaculate Heart of Mary

903 S Main Street
Blackstone, VA 23824

Mass:

Saturday—5:00p.m.

Sunday—9:00 a.m.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Council:

David McKenna, (Chair), Esther Sablan

Dr. Tracey Jones, Norma Ruiz,

Eduardo Perez

Sacred Heart

2597 Bruceville Road

Meherrin, VA 23954

Mass:

Sunday— 11:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart Parish/Finance Council:

Tammy Hinchey (Chair, Parish Council), Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Mary McKay
(Chair, Finance Council)

St. Theresa

709 Buffalo Street
Farmville, VA 23901

Mass:

Saturday—5:00 p.m.

Sunday—8:00 a.m.

Sunday—10:30 a.m.

St. Theresa Parish Council

Email: sttheresascc@gmail.com

Dottie Zimolong, Chair, Adam Blincoe,

Tracy Carilli, Victor Cruz, Michelle Varga, Lynn

Skakum, Pat Brandt, Mike Biase, Gene Donovan

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of God, gathered in worship in the Central Virginia Catholic Cluster of churches are a diverse community of Catholics striving to live the message of the Gospel by evangelizing Christ's Word through our worship, prayer, and outreach work, to the community.

Readings for the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

A Good Time for Fulfillment

There are some things that always come at the worst time. I've never gotten a telemarketing call and thought, "This is a really convenient moment for me to listen to a sales pitch." I've never seen the compulsory software update notice flash on my computer screen when I *didn't* have a deadline I was struggling to meet. My kids never come down with the flu unless it's the weekend and the line at Urgent Care is stretching out the door.

And I never, ever feel the calm, persistent shoulder-tap of the Holy Spirit without thinking, "Now? Now is not a good time. Can you try again when I'm..."

But then I stop and think: when I am what? When I am stronger? When I am happier? When I am smarter? When I am a different person?

When God calls us, He calls the person He sees in front of Him. "Come on," He says, and He doesn't mean "When you're finished" or "When it's convenient" or "Think about it." He means now. This moment.

This is what Paul is saying when he writes that "the world in its present form is passing away." He is saying that your plans mean nothing, the kingdom of God is at hand. Abandon your nets, let your catch escape into the sea. You're not who you thought you were, and you don't need what you thought you needed.

Your sins do not define you. Your fears are not fate. Your inclinations do not govern you. Your life can be changed. We live in the time of fulfillment, and fulfillment is coming for you — ready or not.

"Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment.'" — Mark 1:14

Immaculate Heart of Mary Blackstone

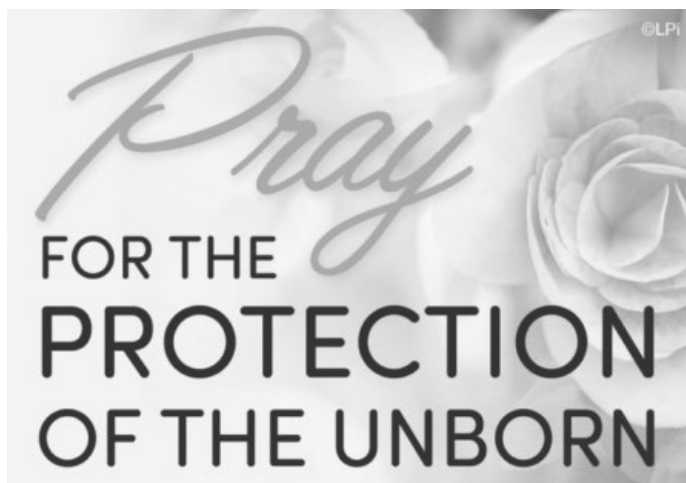
Please pray for the sick and infirmed for whom prayers have been requested: Names will appear for a month after notification Resubmit if needed:
 Tom Neal, Deacon Peter Menting, Jose Luis Ruiz, Jr; Nancy Ortega, Michael Blevins, John Paul Parson, Shirley Boelte, Mae Luedtke, Carmen Lawrence, Cristina Castellanos, Patricia Webb, John & Ellen Thompson, Phyllis, Hernandez, Albert Cruz, Eleanor Drebeck, Richard Preston, Maria M. Fuentes, Robert Joyner, Carina A. Ortiz, Angel R. Velez-Ortiz, Josef K. Sablan, Matthew Smith, Marion Constante, Esther Sablan, Pam Blevins, Tom Blankenship, Sharon Watson, Rita Flowers, Eileen Lane, Jerry Smith, Gus Mitchell

IHM STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Dec. 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$8,874.40	\$38,405.67	\$36,900.09	\$1,505.58

IHM Finance Council

Paul Semtner, Chair, Norma Ruiz, Patty York, Juan Ramirez

**Sacred Heart ~ Meherrin**

Prayer List - Reminder: List is updated once a month. If someone needs to be added, please call the office. Chrissy Dix, Wanda Bailey, Helen Truskoski, Sean Presley, Halle Jackson, Lesleigh Kelly, Susie Hampton, Charlie Jones, Mary Hind, Elizabeth Nelson, Robert Batts, Claude McKinney, Sheryl McKinney, Jody DiLullo, Janet Royster, Joy Crawford, Ray Lewis, Tom Baldwin, Wanda Bowen, Troy Powell, B.J. & Clarence Cannaday, Julia West and Kenneth Palmer, Nelson Marshall, Sophia Hind, Lynn Duffer, George Thack, Jim Guy, Edward Metcalf, Jean Watts, The Gregory Family, Delores Francini, Tim Grey

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS FOR Jan 28

Reader—Karen Halay

EM—Judy Guy

Altar—Tammy Hinchey

Ushers—Dan Derflinger/Peggy Dunegan

m/Counters—Scott Crawford/Lori Derflinger

SACRED HEART~STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Monthly Regular Collection	YTD Collected Dec. 23	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$5,622.30	\$23,461.90	\$23,349.33	\$112.57

Sacred Heart Finance/Parish Council:

Mary McKay, Chairman
 Lori Derflinger, Scott Crawford, Tammy Hinchey

On the second Sunday of each month there will be a second collection to help offset the expenses of our St Patrick's Day dinner and the annual stew.

‘CLUSTER NEWS’**THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS OF****REPARATION**

Ave Maria Press gives us insight into **The Five First Saturdays of Reparation** devotion which is connected with Mary’s apparitions at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. In 1925, eight years after the initial apparitions, the Blessed Mother again appeared to the principal seer, Lucia dos Santos, at the convent at Pontevedra, Spain, and said: “I promised to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recited five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the all the mysteries of the Rosary, to make reparation to me.”

Later, in an apparition of Christ, Lucia was told that the confession could be made any time during the eight days before or the eight days after the First Saturday. “It could be longer still,” Christ told her, “provided that when they receive me, they are in the state of grace and intend to reparate to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”

Dear friends, we invite you to mark the five first Saturday devotions with us on 01/06/2024, 02/03/2024, 03/02/2024, 04/06/24, and 05/04/2024.

Time: 9 am

Venue: St. Theresa Catholic Church, Farmville, VA.

Fr. Charles

Reference:

https://www.avemariapress.com/engagingfaith/learn-and-practice-the-five-first-saturdays-devotion?gclid=Cj0KCQiAvqGcBhCJARIsAFQ5ke5Pz8SguQXxMARqIKzvR8Df3JBmoMj9lQvSViOIHVjA2y8qbVnKvccaAq3BEALw_wcB



PARENTS ARE REMINDED THAT CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT AT ALL TIMES DURING MASS OR WHENEVER ATTENDING A FUNCTION, ESPECIALLY WHEN GOING TO THE RESTROOMS.

THANK YOU.

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS

It's a good time to remind ANYONE wishing to be involved with the youth of the parish or vulnerable adults that you must attend a VIRTUS training session and have a background check completed. **VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children** is offered at a variety of times and locations and information for signing up and attending can be found at: **Virtusonline.org**. Follow the registration link to find a session and time that best suits your schedule.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Campus Ministry is looking for cooks and speakers for its Tuesday Night Dinners with the college students for the Fall Semester. If you have any questions or are interested email Dan Holland at farmvilleccm@gmail.com

ST. THERESA MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
JANUARY 23—JANUARY 28
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

- 5:30pm Mass offered for †Waleska Delgado
- 9:00am Mass offered for †Frank Toti
- 9:00am Mass offered for †Ed Bailey
- 5:00pm Mass offered for †Parishioner of the Cluster
- 8:00am Mass offered for †John Gager
- 10:30am Mass offered for †Parishioners of the Cluster

ST. THERESA ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK OF Jan 22—Jan 28
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 24

- 10:00am Food Pantry & Clothes Ministry
- 9:00am—CCD—Parish Center
- 9:00am—RCIA—Parish Center

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

If you need help with odd jobs around the house, please feel free to contact the Hampden-Sydney Catholic Campus Ministries for assistance.

Call or Text

706-266-6591

Email—thorntonw26@hsc.edu

ADULT EDUCATION

Thursday, February 15th at 6pm in the Parish Center.

Parish Council

Parishioners are encouraged to share any questions, concerns, etc. with the Parish Council by e-mail at sttheresascc@gmail.com. You can also approach any council member. Council members are listed on the second page of the bulletin or on the bulletin board in the Commons Area. the Commons Area.

Please pray for the sick and infirmed for whom prayers have been requested

Our Parishioners: Marilyn Reid, Pat O'Halloran, John Jamieson, George Ghrelin, Bill Phillips, Tina Ehman, Edwin Sebolt, Shirley Ehman, Ann Marie Howard, Eniko Swanick, Pat Ely, Pat Freudenthal

Friends & Relatives of Parishioners—Louis Wunnenberg Jr, Leise Wells, Kyler Latta, Kimberly Pope, Danielle Luckraft, Helanna Shaw, Davis Bonar, Bucky, Anne Loveless, The Cozza family, Pam Levinson, Evelyn Litchford, Daniel Spada, Mitzi B., Shaunna Smith, Meagan Smart, Barbara Botts, Karen Korrow, Alice Moses, David Bennett, Rusty Carter, Bill Bradley, Greg Spencer, Noreen Quinlan Celeste, Patrick & Caitlin Duggan, Ashley Redd, Megan Smart, Shan Biron, Jenny Bobko, Ashley Wallace, Chuck Gendrow, Kayia DeVivo, Alice Moser, Kerry John Matthews, Bruce Long, Donna Moon, Carly, Michelle Reynolds, Karen Kulla, Joyce Spencer, Julia Shields, Chris Johnson, Russell Baker, Carroll Gillespie, Christopher Biron, Eliza Reynolds, Jan & Randy Dagenhart, Marq-"Bubba" Webb, Judy Biron, John Wunnenberg, Rich Eshelman, Howard Arthur, Zach Ranson, Carolyn Wells, Carolyn Craft, Jason Kneeland

Our friends and relatives serving in the military—

Donnie Dionisio, Rylan Charlton, Katie Abston, Joe Bridge, Melanie Faircloth, Jefferson Page, Sean Burns, Steve Hind, Jr., Taylor Anctil, Petty Officer 3rd Class Andrew Michael Collins, Aran McMurtray, Fritz Julian, Michael Irvine, Troy Howard, Tyler Moore, Major Efren Aranzamendez, Army and CPT Ryan Aranzamendez, Air Force, Joshua Duggan, Zachary Varner, Jaimie Bliss

ST. THERESA ~ STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Regular Collection	YTD Collected Dec, 2023	YTD Collection Budget	Overage or (Shortage)
\$24,988.17	\$129,979.01	\$141,404.40	(\$11,425.39)

St. Theresa Finance Council

Mike Wolyniak (Chair), Nancy Pempel,
Steve Barber, Karen Schinabeck

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry can always use food, Many thanks to those of you who have given generously. **Please make sure to check expiration on packages.** It is truly appreciated. We served 58 people on January 10

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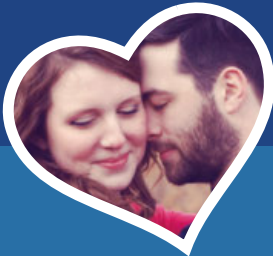
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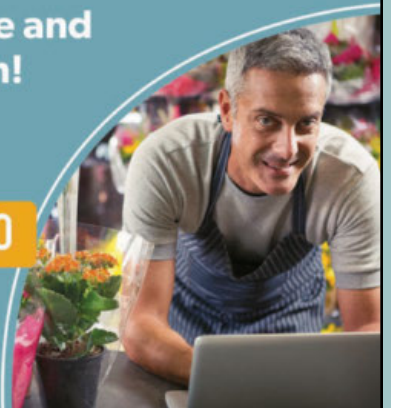
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